

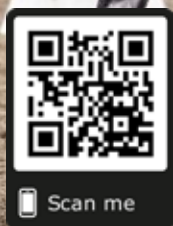


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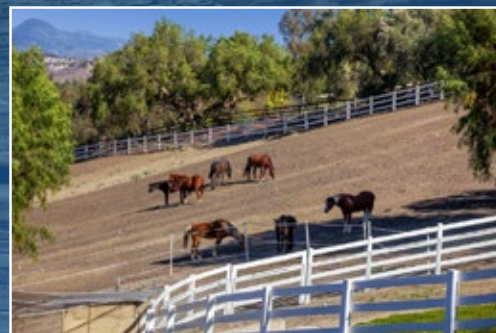
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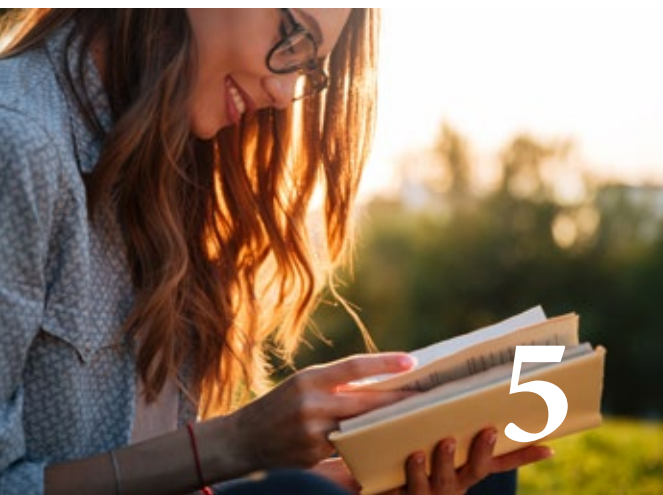


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To take all reasonable and necessary steps to preserve and improve the unique value of living in Nellie Gail Ranch and to enhance the overall sense of community.

## Board of Directors Meetings

The September Open Session Board Meeting and Open Homeowner Forum is currently scheduled for September 15, 2020. Due to state restrictions on gatherings the meeting will be held via ZOOM:

**Board Meeting September 15, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.**

**Zoom Meeting Link:**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85950017852?pwd=VWltZDJsb3pzaE5PWUlOV0hEUW5zZz09>**

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**Meeting ID: 859 5001 7852**

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All agenda and support items must be submitted in writing to the Association Office at least two weeks in advance of the meeting to allow Board Members ample time to review all materials. The agenda will be posted in the Association Office and on the NGR website on the Friday prior to the meeting, or you may contact the Association Office to obtain agenda information. All homeowners are welcomed and encouraged to attend the meetings.

## Architectural Review Committee

Architectural Review Committee meetings are generally held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Association Office. Completed applications must be submitted to the Association Office at least 10 business days prior to the ARC meeting. Please check the calendar in each issue of the Pony Express for exact submittal deadlines and ARC meeting dates.

## Association Committees

The Nellie Gail Ranch Owners Association has several committees comprised of Homeowners that provide support to the Board of Directors on selected Community topics. For more information or to join any of our Committees, please contact the Association Office at (949) 425-1477.

**Architectural Review Committee**

**Emergency Preparedness Committee**

**Equestrian Committee**

**Events Committee**

**Landscape Committee**

**Security Committee**

**Trails & Safety Committee**

# Director's Message

By Alex Presley



We are so excited to announce that Nellie Gail Ranch has signed up with the nonprofit organization Little Free Library. If you walk or ride bikes in neighboring communities, I'm sure you've seen a Little Free Library house.

Little Free Library was started in 2009 with the goal of promoting literacy and the joy of reading. Since then, 100,000 Little Free Libraries can be found all around the world. The idea is to share books and the joy of reading with your neighbors by Giving a Book, Taking a Book.



**You know you've read a good book when you turn the last page and feel a little as if you have lost a friend.**

Paul Sweeney

Our Nellie Gail Ranch Little Free Library will be built and installed close to the entrance of our clubhouse. Next time you are looking for a new book to read, come on down to the clubhouse and see what new books are of interest in our Little Free Library. Bring a book that you have enjoyed and would love to share and, in turn, exchange it with a new book.

If you're interested to learn more about Little Free Library and how this nonprofit got started, please visit [www.littlefreelibrary.org](http://www.littlefreelibrary.org)



**"There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate's loot on Treasure Island."**

Walt Disney

I have always  
imagined that  
paradise will be a  
kind of library.

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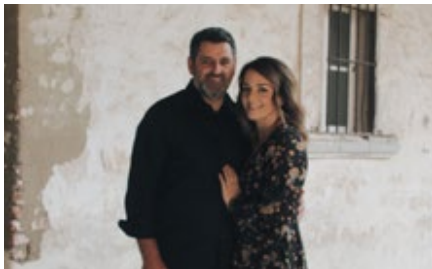
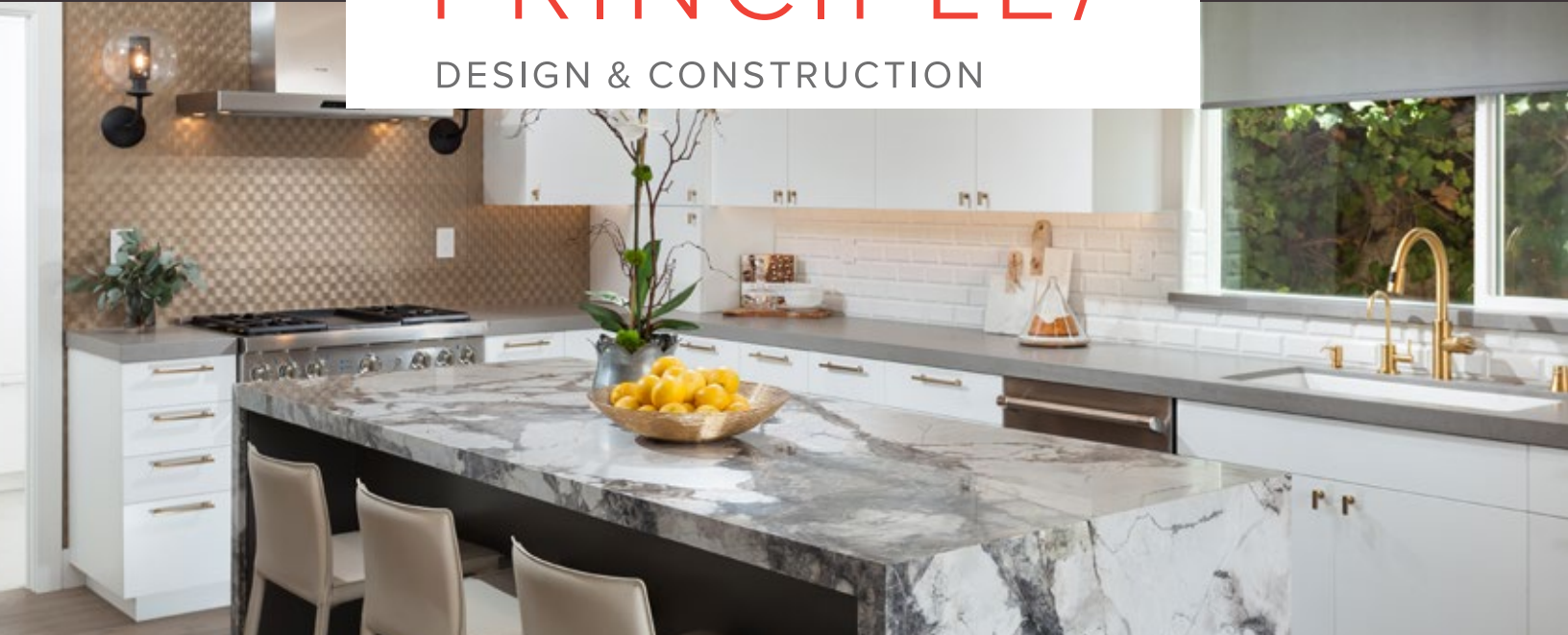


## *Welcome to Nellie Gail Ranch*

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# Architectural Reviews

The following properties submitted plans to be reviewed by the Architectural Review Committee on August 11, 2020.

**The Next Deadline for ARC Submittal is September 29, 2020.**

ADDRESS	PROJECT	RESULTS
25746 Dillon	Solar	Approved with conditions
27192 Sundowner	Landscape	Approved with conditions
25762 Dillon	Rear Hardscape	Approved with conditions
27775 Hidden Trail	Rear Landscape & Hardscape	Denied
25731 Nellie Gail	Painting	Denied
25201 Derbyhill	Painting & Roof	Approved
25881 Rapid Falls	Solar	Approved
26861 Highwood	Completion Extension	Denied
25402 Mustang	Rear Hardscape & Landscape	Approved with conditions
25151 Buckboard	Pool & Deck	Approved
27032 Rocking Horse	Front Landscape	Approved with conditions
25241 Stageline	Resubmittal – stairs & landscape	Denied
25135 Stageline	Rear Landscape & Hardscape	Approved
27796 Hidden Trail	Fence	Approved

Any exterior change to your home or property requires approval. Please consult the Architectural Guidelines available at [www.NellieGailRanch.org](http://www.NellieGailRanch.org). Submissions for approval are due by 5:00 PM ten business days prior to the meeting date. Please see the calendar at the back of the Pony Express or contact the Association Office at (949) 425-1477 for specific meeting dates and deadlines or with any questions pertaining to your proposed project.

# Board of Directors Meeting

## NELLIE GAIL RANCH OWNERS ASSOCIATION

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OPEN SESSION

#### VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL

**TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2020**

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Open Session meeting of the Nellie Gail Ranch Owners Association was called to order at 7:32 p.m.

#### **DIRECTORS PRESENT**

Mark Fisk  
Loree Blough  
John Park  
Alex Presley  
Joyce Taylor

#### **MANAGEMENT**

Brian Mitchell, General Manager  
Dennis Moss, Operations Manager, Parks & Recreation Facilities

#### **II. HOMEOWNER FORUM**

##### **A. OPEN HOMEOWNER FORUM**

Five homeowners spoke during the Open Homeowner Forum via the ZOOM link. Input was provided regarding the pickleball hours agenda item.

#### **III. EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT**

An Executive Session meeting was held on June 16, 2020 via Zoom Conference Call. Actions taken included:

- Approval of the May 19, 2020 Executive Session Minutes.
- Approval of the May 21, 2020 Executive Session Minutes
- Reviewed status of legal, violation, member appeal and enforcement matters.

- Reviewed pending appeal – No action taken pending open session meeting.
- Approval of revised contract use fee for Evolution Swim Academy contract. Revisions required due to COVID-19 closures.
- Approval of revised contract fee structure with Chip & Charge for tennis camp. Revisions required due to COVID-19 closures.
- Scheduled three enforcement hearings and approved invitations to participate in Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Approval of tree trimming contract with Quezada Pro Landscape
- Approval of contract for installation of a v-ditch barrier on 2 trails.
- Approval of contract with KWC for grading inspection and survey elevation services
- Received and filed the Collection and Delinquency Reports
- Approval of Equestrian Center staff budgets
- Received and filed Violation Report.

#### **IV. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Motion:** Presley

**Second:** Taylor

**Resolution:** To approve Consent Calendar resolutions for agenda items IV-A through IV-F.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

##### **A. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF JUNE 16, 2020 OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

**Resolution:** To approve the Open Session Minutes dated June 16, 2020 as presented.

##### **B. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE MAY 31, 2020 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**Resolution:** To approve the financial statements for the Nellie Gail Ranch Owners Association dated May 31, 2020 reflecting the following:

The Consolidated Balance Sheet reflects \$3,368,231 in reserve funds, \$1,604,323 in operating funds, \$8,400 in Petty Cash, and

\$482,432 in Stall, Trail and Architectural Deposits for a total cash balance of \$5,463,385.

Year to date Assessment Revenue totals \$1,890,349 compared to the budgeted \$1,844,577.

Year to date Total Consolidated Revenue is \$2,912,336 to the budgeted \$2,906,304.

The Consolidated Net Decrease for the month prior to adjustments for depreciation is (\$92,209) compared to the budgeted decrease of (\$135,460). Consolidated Net Income year to date prior to adjustments for depreciation is \$298,369 compared to the budgeted increase of \$175,968. Year to date reserve funding is \$386,757 compared to a budget of \$328,950. The variance is reserve interest income.

### C. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL TO RECORD LIENS

**Resolution:** To authorize and instruct Management to record liens on the following delinquent accounts should their assessments not be paid within the time period established in the Intent to Lien Letter. In accordance with the Corporation's Assessment Collection Policy, a letter was sent to the homeowners notifying them that they have 30 days to pay the balance owed or a lien will be placed on their property. Therefore, the Board directs Management to lien the account listed below should the delinquent assessments not be paid within the time period established in the Intent to Lien Letter:

Account No.	Total Amt Due
0330-04	\$830.30
0455-04	\$874.00
0786-02	\$874.00
0871-01	\$874.00
1001-01	\$874.00
1012-03	\$874.00
1096-01	\$951.00
1099-01	\$874.00

Supplemental Delinquency Statistics for the Open Session Minutes:

- Two (2) past owner delinquencies total \$4,827 in assessments and \$646 in assessment judgments.
- Sixty-six (66) current owner past due delinquencies total \$60,591 in assessments and \$4,910 in assessment judgments.

- The collection attorney is currently working on twelve (12) past and current homeowner accounts to collect on judgments and/or past due assessment balances.
- Total accumulated outstanding assessments total 2.7% of the annual assessment budget.

### D. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF DELINQUENCY POLICY FOR MAILING WITH THE 2020-21 BUDGET AND \$20 ASSESSMENT CREDIT FOR FULL ANNUAL ASSESSMENT PAYMENT BY OCTOBER 31, 2020

**Resolution:** To adopt the Delinquency Policy effective October 1, 2020 for mailing to the membership with the 2020-210 Budget and associated disclosures.

and,

To approve an assessment credit of \$20 for homeowners who pay the full years assessment by October 31, 2020.

### E. CONSIDERATION OF PLACEMENT OF AD IN THE GAME PROGRAM FOR THE THIRD ANNUAL BENEFIT SHOW

**Resolution:** To approve placement of an Ad in the Game Program for the Third Annual Orange County Professional Firefighters Association Benefit Show at a cost of \$650.

### F. CONSIDERATION OF AUGUST CONCERT POSTPONEMENT

**Resolution:** To approve postponement of the August 7, and August 31, 2020 summer concerts to the summer of 2021.

### End of Consent Calendar

**V. OLD BUSINESS** - None

### VI. NEW BUSINESS

### A. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF PLANTING AT THE ASSOCIATION CLUBHOUSE

**Motion:** Fisk

**Second:** Taylor

**Resolution:** To approve a contract with Quezada Pro Landscape in the amount of \$22,349 for planting and irrigation of the Association Clubhouse;

and

**Motion:** Park  
**Second:** Presley

To approve a planting contingency of \$2,000 for supplementing with additional 5 gallon plants as may needed in key areas for visibility;  
and,

**Motion:** Fisk  
**Second:** Presley

To approve a budget of \$3,500 for selection of boulders from Southwest Boulder and Stone for decorative placement of boulders and an additional \$500 to Quezada for labor to offload and place boulders.

**The motions carried unanimously.**

**B. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL TO REVISE PICKLEBALL PLAY START TIME FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 8:00 A.M.**

**Motion:** Park  
**Second:** Fisk

**Resolution:** To stay with the current start time for pickleball play at 9:00 a.m.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**C. CONSIDERATION OF HAYDEN / CLARK REQUEST TO INCREASE HORSE CAMP PARTICIPANTS TO SIXTEEN**

**Motion:** Park  
**Second:** Fisk

**Resolution:** To deny the request by Hayden / Clark to increase the Horse Camp participants from ten (10) to sixteen (16). Participants will continue to be limited to limit activity at the Equestrian Center.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**D. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF TENNIS CENTER GUEST USE**

**Motion:** Park  
**Second:** Presley

**Resolution:** To approve allowing guest play for tennis league play only subject to appropriate physical distancing and other county and state guidance.

**Motion:** Park  
**Second:** Presley

**Resolution:** To continue to restrict guest play for tennis and pickleball courts.

**The motions carried unanimously.**

**E. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF SWIM CENTER GUEST USE**

**Motion:** Fisk  
**Second:** Taylor

**Resolution:** To continue to restrict guest use of the Swim Center.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**F. CONSIDERATION OF ASSOCIATION CLUBHOUSE MONUMENT BRANDING**

**Motion:** Fisk  
**Second:** Presley

**Resolution:** To use the name "Nellie Gail Ranch Clubhouse" on the monument proposed to be placed at the Empty Saddle corner.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**G. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT 2020-21 RESERVE STUDIES AND DIRECTION FOR REVISIONS**

**Motion:** Taylor  
**Second:** Park

**Resolution:** To approve the draft 2020-21 Reserve Studies and recommended funding.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**H. CONSIDERATION OF 2020-21 FISCAL YEAR DRAFT BUDGET AND ASSUMPTIONS**

**Motion:** Park  
**Second:** Taylor

**Resolution:** To approve the 2020-21 Association Cost Center Budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020.

- The approved budget will incorporate a new assessment level at \$471 per quarter, an increase of 7.8% above the current \$437 level.
- The driving factors for the increase are as follows:
  1. The mobile patrol security budget increased \$1.50 to a total of \$13.16 per month. Funding for mobile patrol security is consistent with the Member vote June 2020.
  2. Contract landscape and landscape related expenses increased \$2.88 per month primarily due to minimum wage increases.
  3. Contingency and capital improvement

line items increased \$2.63 to provide funding in event of unanticipated reduced revenue or additional expenses due to the pandemic and more hopefully, for new projects to further improve the recreation facilities and parks.

4. Handyman / janitorial has increased \$1.73 per month to offset additional sanitation services resulting from the pandemic.
5. Association cost center payroll and payroll taxes are increasing \$0.98 per month (2.4%).
6. Swim Center allocation: The member allocation has increased \$0.97 from \$8.33 per month to \$9.30 to offset increases in the janitorial and maintenance expense

**The motion carried unanimously.**

## **VII. REPORTS**

The following reports were received and filed by the Board: Architectural Review, Communications, Community Events, Emergency Preparedness, Equestrian Center, Tennis/Pickleball, Solar, Trails & Safety, and Trails/Common Area.

## **VIII. CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence was received and filed

## **IX. NEXT MEETING**

The next regular Open Session Board of Directors meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

## **X. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.



## **Say Hello to the New Logo**

You will start to see our new logo popping up around the community. We wanted to stay true to our history and keep the stagecoach while going in a slightly cleaner look that will fit nicely on items from wine glasses to ranch gates. We have placed three logos hidden through out the issue. Email [ponyexpress@nelliegailranch.org](mailto:ponyexpress@nelliegailranch.org) with the pages numbers the logo is hidden on and the first 10 people will win a tennis/pickleball pass!

# Equestrian Center News



**By: Marie Kenney**

Bree met Dash on a rainy day in late December. We had been searching for almost a year for a dressage prospect. Felicity Meek had generously allowed Bree to ride her horses for over three years, and we decided at 16 years old, it was time for Bree to have a horse of her own. With a limited budget, we found most horses either too old, unsound, or undesirable for dressage. We watched Dash move and knew Bree's trainer Jan Curtis would approve of his gaits as a dressage horse. We brought Dash home; however, my daughter's dream of getting in the show ring was quickly shattered.

Dash, we discovered, had been tortured at a Charro Barn. Seeking advice from Lane Clarke, we sent Dash to Lane's father, Allan Clarke. Without the help of Allan and Lane, Bree and Dash would never have been able to continue. During this time, Jan allowed Bree to ride her Grand Prix horse, Whizz Kid, which was such an inspiration! Bree's friends at the barn, Felicity, Angie, Lori, Tressa, and Casey, allowed her to ride their horses and offered kindness and moral support.

We asked Jess Havey to help re-train Dash as a dressage horse, and she was exactly what Dash needed! Jess was sympathetic in understanding his fear and claustrophobia but brave in riding and teaching him to accept the contact necessary for a dressage horse. Finally, in 2019, three years after he was purchased, Bree and Dash went to their first Dressage show! They were CDS South Young Rider Equitation Champions and ended at 30th in the National Rankings for Training Level Jr/Yr. in 2019. This year, Bree and Dash moved up to First Level and again qualified for 2020 CDS Jr/Yr South Championships. Competing in the Temecula heat, they finished the show as First Level YR Rider Champions, YR Equitation Champions, and High Point, Team, and Freestyle Champions!

Training a dressage horse is a marathon, not a race, and there is still much to learn and accomplish. However, the lessons horses teach us along the way are incalculable. Bree and I will always be appreciative of the generosity of spirit we have found at Nellie Gail Ranch and the amazing horse people who have encouraged and inspired Bree on her journey.

# Swim Center News

We live in a great community, and it's a great time to be a kid at Nellie Gail Ranch. The Board of Directors has done an amazing job navigating through the COVID-19 crisis, keeping our community safe and offering opportunities for our kids to remain active. Opportunity is all that we can ask for, and what we do with it is up to us.

My family is a "swim" family. My oldest daughter is currently on a swim scholarship at USC, and although her freshman year will be spent distance learning here in Nellie Gail Ranch, she will fulfill her scholarship requirements by continuing to train locally, taking advantage of our beautiful swim facility and miles of trails. Swimming is a water-based sport, but like most sports, there is a cross-training component, and the hills and trails in our community offer the perfect terrain for young athletes.

The pool is just one place in Nellie Gail Ranch that our kids can go to learn valuable life lessons and a sport that promotes a healthy lifestyle. Our community also offers a world-class equestrian center and tennis facility as well. Not only do our kids have access to great facilities but great trainers and coaches as well. Mickey Hayden has been the lead trainer at the equestrian center since 1992. Bob Hochstadter has been the tennis pro at Nellie Gail Ranch for over 20 years, and I have been running the Nellie Gail Gators swim club since 2010. Each one of us has carefully assembled a crew of trainers and coaches that are ready to show your kids how fun each activity can be.

While many activities have been canceled due to COVID-19, tennis, swim, and equestrian move forward. The Nellie Gail

Gators swim club will be offering a year-round swim team starting in August. We will also be offering a seasonal swim team that starts in late August and ends late October. One of the most attractive features of the Gators is that the Club's goal is to make swimming a part of what kids do and not all that kids do. We do not believe that specializing at such a young age is healthy for kids, and we promote well-rounded swimmers, and that means giving kids an opportunity to participate in other enrichment activities, including other sports, like tennis, for instance.

While my oldest daughter starts her career at USC, my 10-year-old is a pretty good swimmer as well but also enjoys tennis at the Nellie Gail Ranch Tennis & Swim Club and playing softball. My 8-year-old loves to ride and takes lessons 1x per week, in addition to swimming 1x per week as well. My 5-year-old learned to swim recently and will possibly join our summer swim team in 2021. He will also be playing tennis, tee-ball, and soccer in the coming year. Our community offers so much, and with the pros that make sure that our kids learn the right way, is there really a reason to go outside of Nellie Gail Ranch for these activities?

As the old saying goes, "shop local," so that our programs and facilities can be filled with Nellie Gail Ranch kids and so that our brand-new clubhouse can serve as a place where our kids can meet up and socialize, after a fun-filled day of healthy activities.

Felipe Delgado  
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# Assembling Your Disaster/Earthquake Kit

By: Dr. Kenneth S. Cheng

As we continue in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, we should use this opportunity as a reminder to be fully prepared for any disaster, whether man-made or natural. The information in this article may be the most important information you read for the rest of the year. That is because your completed earthquake/disaster kit will be the key to you and your family's survival. In the past several months, in addition to the pandemic, there have been several measurable earthquakes in our southern California region. In the US, we have seen tornados and tropical storms, floods, and breached dams, wildfires, and even dust storms from the Saharan Desert. Additionally, there have been several large earthquakes on the "Pacific Rim of Fire," the zone where earthquakes and volcanic eruptions are common (and the zone in which we live.) Recall from our previous articles that teams of scientists and other experts feel that a 7.8 magnitude earthquake (approximately eight times stronger than the Haiti earthquake) striking Southern California within our lifetime is inevitable. When such an event occurs, we will likely be without gas, water, and electricity; and public assistance will be slow or non-existent. The disaster/earthquake kit is the cornerstone of being prepared and self-sufficient. To put it another way, your disaster kit is the key to your survival. Implement your kit now, and you won't have to think about it for the rest of this year.

Your disaster/earthquake kit should be able to sustain you and your family for a minimum of 14 days, although nearly all experts and relief organizations advise preparing for 30 days. The author of this article, having worked in national disasters and having seen firsthand the response time of aid, utilities, public service, etc., strongly advises that you prepare for a minimum of 30 days. This article will provide you with the basics of assembling such a kit. It is not meant to be exhaustive but more a point of reference from which you can tailor to your specific needs.

Additional references are also provided at the end of this article.

One question that is frequently asked is, "Why do I need a disaster/earthquake kit? I already have everything I need in my home." This may be true but very short-sighted. Imagine everything that is on a shelf or cabinet, and the contents of every drawer are strewn on your floor. Then add 3-6 inches of water from the broken water main that you were able to turn off, but only after the water flooded your bottom floor. Lastly, add some broken glass and some drywall from your collapsed ceiling. This is not the time to be collecting your supplies for survival.

Another frequent question is, "If it's that bad, why don't I just leave?" This, too, is short-sighted: you are assuming that no bridge or underpass is affected between your home and your destination, you are assuming that you have enough fuel to get to your destination (remember that with no electricity, there will be no working fuel pumps and even if you can get fuel, you're not going to be using your credit card,) and you are assuming that you have enough food and water in your car for any travel and unexpected stops. Lastly, if only 10% of the residents Orange County felt similarly and decided to leave, our roads would be in gridlock for days, and it is likely that you will go nowhere fast. Your best option may be to "shelter in place," and you will need a disaster/earthquake kit to do so successfully.

On the following page is a Disaster/Earthquake Supplies list that you can use to help establish your family's Earthquake kit. Please tear this out or copy it to make as your own list. Additionally, we have provided you some important information below that further explains some of the items on the list.

**WATER.** You should store at least one gallon of water per person per day, more if elderly, ill, breastfeeding, or in warm environments. Water should be stored in original containers in a cool

dark place away from paints or other petroleum-based products. Be sure to observe the "use by" or expiration dates on the label.

Additionally, water can be stored in food-grade, water-rated drums, or containers. If storing water in this manner, you should add the appropriate water preservative and seal the drum. This water should then be replaced every 1-2 years. Water from your home's hot water heater can also be used for drinking as long as the appropriate steps are taken to preserve the purity of this water during a disaster. Information on how to utilize your water heater's water, as well as water purification instructions (using water purification tablets or unscented bleach), can be found on the Nellie Gail website, [www.nelliegailranch.org](http://www.nelliegailranch.org) and clicking "resources."

**FOOD.** Store at least a two week supply (and preferably a one month supply) of non-perishable foods. Ideally, select foods that require no refrigeration, preparation, or cooking and require little or no water. Also, select foods that you normally use at home so you can rotate this in and keep the stored foods fresh.

**SHELTER.** If you are unable to inhabit your home, you will need a place to shelter. An RV, such as a motorhome or trailer, will make an excellent place to shelter. For others, a tent or tarp will protect you from any rain or wind, and provide you with shade when needed. Extra clothing can be items that you normally would have given to charity.

**MEDICATIONS AND FIRST AID.** Prescription medications should be in their original container and enough for one month. You should also have a written list of the medication, including dosage, instructions, and the Rx number to aid in refills. Health insurance usually won't allow you to purchase an extra month's worth of medication, but your physician can provide you with an extra prescription that you can purchase without going through insurance, or you can ask your physician if he or she has samples of your medication. Be sure to rotate your medications to avoid storing expired medications.

**PETS.** Pets often play an important role in our lives, so be sure to plan for their emergencies as well. You should also be prepared to evacuate with your pet; however, keep in mind that most public shelters will not allow you to bring your pet. As such, make appropriate contingency plans, possibly setting up a "buddy system" of pet care with neighbors who also have pets.

**MISCELLANEOUS.** Cash is important because credit card terminals and ATM machines will be non-functional when the electricity is out. Copies of your important documents will make it easier for you to file insurance claims, access bank accounts, etc. New flashlights that utilize LED light bulbs are far superior as they use less electricity prolonging battery life are less prone to burning out light bulbs and are generally brighter. If you are going to purchase a flashlight, consider purchasing the LED flashlights.

**STORAGE AND LOCATION OF YOUR EARTHQUAKE KIT.** The idea of an earthquake/disaster kit is to have all necessities in one location that is stored away from sources of heat and light. Good areas include the back corner of one's garage or in an infrequently used closet.

The location should be on the bottom floor of multistory buildings and next to an exterior wall for easy access should there be a building collapse. Lastly, the items should be stored in a sturdy container. The metal "contractor's box" found at construction job sites is an excellent type of container for your earthquake kit.

Again, this article and the accompanying supply list will help you get started on your earthquake kit. It is recommended that you copy this list and use it as the foundation of your family's earthquake kit. Future articles will include work and car preparation and water purification. You can also find additional information on disaster preparation at:

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# EARTHQUAKE/DISASTER SUPPLIES CHECKLIST

## Water (14 days minimum, 30 days preferred)

- ☐ Water (one gallon per person per day)
- ☐ Water purification tablets

## Food (14 days minimum, 30 days preferred)

- ☐ Non-perishable food (canned, dried, ready to eat, etc.)
- ☐ Special needs food (infant, elderly, diabetic, etc.)
- ☐ Comfort foods (candy, instant coffee, tea bags, etc.)

## Food Preparation

- ☐ Salt/Pepper/Sugar
- ☐ Pam or other cooking spray
- ☐ Pots and pans
- ☐ Cooking utensils
- ☐ Manual can opener
- ☐ Forks/Spoons/Knives
- ☐ Plastic or paper plates/bowls
- ☐ Aluminum foil
- ☐ Zip-Lock bags, various sizes
- ☐ Dishwashing soap
- ☐ Sterno, camp or butane stove top, or propane BBQ
- ☐ Fire extinguisher

## Shelter

- ☐ Tent or Large Tarp
- ☐ Blankets or Sleeping bags
- ☐ Extra clothing and shoes, rain gear
- ☐ 50' of rope/clothes line

## Sanitation/Toiletries

- ☐ Toilet paper
- ☐ Personal hygiene items
- ☐ Soap and shampoo
- ☐ Toothbrush and paste
- ☐ Plastic bags (garden and kitchen size)
- ☐ 5 gallon bucket and lid (2)
- ☐ Unscented chlorine bleach and medicine dropper
- ☐ Paper towels

## Pets

- ☐ Pet food and extra water
- ☐ Extra collars and leashes
- ☐ Pet medications
- ☐ Favorite toy

## Medications and First Aid

- ☐ Prescription medications (one month minimum)
- ☐ Antacids
- ☐ Anti-diarrheal medications
- ☐ Laxatives
- ☐ Antihistamines
- ☐ Other over the counter medications routinely used
- ☐ Latex gloves
- ☐ Bandages (various sizes)
- ☐ Elastic (Ace) bandages
- ☐ Gauze (various sizes)
- ☐ Antibacterial ointments
- ☐ Medical tape
- ☐ Tweezers and magnifying glass
- ☐ Moist towelettes
- ☐ Safety pins
- ☐ Prescription eyeglasses

## Important Documents (stored in a Zip-Lock bag)

- ☐ Cash in small bills
- ☐ Copies of insurance policies (home, auto, life, etc.)
- ☐ Copies of medical and pharmacy insurance cards
- ☐ Copies of drivers license, passports, birth certificates
- ☐ Copies of bank statements and account numbers
- ☐ List of medications and dosages (and pharmacy Rx#)
- ☐ List of emergency contacts, doctors, attorneys, etc.
- ☐ Extra car and house keys

## Miscellaneous

- ☐ Duct tape
- ☐ Long burning candles
- ☐ Matches in waterproof container
- ☐ Leather/work gloves
- ☐ Dust masks
- ☐ Local map(s)
- ☐ Books, playing cards and games
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- ☐ Flashlights
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**BABYSITTER:** Being a parent is hard work. Whether you need a date night, to get in a few extra hours at work, or just want a break from your kids (whom you love infinitely), you can hire CPR and First Aid certified high school student Emily to babysit. Available on short-notice or in advance.

**DOGWALKER:** Do you have a dog that just has too much energy to handle? Do you wish you could go for a walk/run with your dog in the morning but simply can't find the time? Emily and your dog would love to go on adventures together! Emily has plenty of experience handling dogs on the daily, she even lives with three! Available to schedule in the mornings.

**HOUSESITTER:** If you have to leave the house for multiple days, hire Emily to do general house keeping! Emily will bring in the mail, water plants, feed pets, exercise pets and more! All you have to do is hire Emily! You can contact Emily at (949) 887-2361 or at emuleard@gmail.com

## COME TO AN ADVENTURE IN MY GARDEN!!

This is a Hands On Experience! Not a Boring classroom Lecture...Learn how easily you can grow potted Lettuces, Spinach, Parsley, Celery, Arugula, Beets, Soft Kale, Broccoli, Watercress, Mint, Chives, Etc, Etc in pots on your Patio - or elsewhere amongst your landscape plants.

In our area these grow easily and can be picked every day of the year! Also there are 18 Vegetables which grow well in our wonderful mild climate! If Saturday or Tuesday - mid to late AM is not a good time for you, ask for another day. Leave Name and Phone # for Craig Allan at 949 888 7737

## PRIVATE TENNIS LESSONS

I'm a private tennis coach who will coach on your court. USTA certified, WTA pro tour ranked, I enjoy working with all ages and all levels. I also love working with individuals who deal with any set backs, handicap or autistic issues. My contact information is Ingrid.kurtapro@gmail.com 310-293-1035 Ingrid Nadell

## EXPERT QUALITY CAREGIVER

I am Florence Biteng, a professional, compassionate and friendly caregiver with 19 years of experience providing excellent care to elderly people with a variety of diagnosis such as Dementia, Parkinsons, Heart problems, Hospice and others. I can assist client with medications, personal care and hygiene, ambulation and mobility around the house or outside, light housekeeping, meal preparation with attention to dietary constraints. I have excellent communication skills and prefer to work as a live-in caretaker. Please contact me at (949) 878-1924. Excellent references available upon request.

## SKATEBOARDING LESSONS

Patient teenage Nellie Gail resident offering beginners skateboarding lessons at our house or yours (or the Laguna Hills Skate park when it reopens). Charges \$20/hour. Helmet required and pads recommended. Please text or call Dante at (949) 374-0145.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### TASTES OF GREECE RESTAURANT

This is Tastes of Greece restaurant in Laguna Niguel. In order to support our customers in this difficult time. We are open for pick up or deliveries over \$40 per order. Our phone number is (949) 495-2244 or you may order through Grubhub, Door dash or postmates. Thank you for your help. Keep safe and healthy The owner, Giannis Gaitanis

### JACKSON HOLE, WY HOUSE RENTAL

4 Bedrooms, 5 Bathrooms, 2 King & 2 Queen. Plus, a new Queen fold out couch downstairs. House Sleeps 12. Master I has a Gas Fireplace in the Bedroom & Bathroom, Master II electric Fireplace. Formal Family Room wood burning fireplace. Fully stocked Kitchen, and laundry. Beautiful view of the Tetons. \$800 a night, + 300 cleaning fee. 3-night minimum. Call 949 395-6790

## CARIBBEAN ISLAND VACATION RENTALS

On the beautiful Island of Roatan we have two incredible properties. Roatan is very safe, English speaking, easy to get to (approximately 6 hours of flight time and you can fly directly into Roatan). Flights range from \$475 to \$850 round trip. The water is turquoise crystal clear and warm all year round. The scuba diving and snorkeling is first class. The two properties are 15 and 30 minutes from the airport. One property is a 3 bedroom, 3 bath, two story, 2500 square foot Villa right on the sand located on the BEST beach on the Island, West Bay Beach. It sleeps 8 comfortably. The second property is a beautiful 3 bedroom, 3 bath Casa (sleeps 6) with a Casita (large studio apartment that sleeps 2), pool and 400 foot dock on 1.5 acres of green lush landscape. It is not right on the water but you can see the water and it is only a 3 minute walk to our 400 foot two story dock that you can swim, snorkel, scuba, fish or just sit and watch the sunsets. You can rent one or both, Casa or Casita, depending on your group size. Please check out our website at [www.roatanislandvacationrentals.com](http://www.roatanislandvacationrentals.com) for more information, pictures, and pricing or call Debbie at 714-801-4257. Discount given to our Nellie Gail neighbors.

## BIG BEAR LAKE VACATION RENTALS

We have 2 lovely homes in Big Bear Lake for short term rentals (available separately, but near each other if you need both for a large group). Our homes were completely renovated in 2018, and are outstanding year round vacation properties. Each house has beautiful features, decor and furnishings, making these homes comfortable, and among the most amazing Big Bear Lake rental accommodations available! One home is an adorable Cape Cod style house with 3/BR 3/B (sleeps 8), w/ fireplace, BBQ Logia, large decks and yard, W/D, and an outdoor jacuzzi. The other is a 3/BR 3/B Craftsman home (sleeps 8), w/fireplace, jacuzzi, large decks and yard, Lake views and steps to Meadow Park. Both are in town close to the village & lake. The slopes are only 1 1/2 miles away. TESLA chargers are at each house. Pet free homes. Discount given to our Nellie Gail neighbors! Check out the pictures! Please contact us: [Knightaverental@gmail.com](mailto:Knightaverental@gmail.com) for more information and to be sent links to pictures of each property

## TEMECULA VACATION PROPERTY!

Special rate to Nellie Gail Residents on our lovely VRBO! It is an Olive Grove Villa located perfectly about a 1/2 mile south (and in view of!) the famous South Coast and Ponte Wineries in the heart of Temecula Wine County. The Villa is perfect for groups of friends and family seeking beautiful sunsets, views of hot air balloons at dawn, privacy, and panoramic views of vineyards. Take a stroll through the endless rows of Olive Trees or variety of numerous fruit trees, and watch the sunset over the mountains as you roast marshmallows by the fire or make dinner on the BBQ. This arpx 2400sf home has what you need to enjoy a short or extended stay. This home comfortably sleeps 8 people, with 4 lovely bedrooms, a fold down sofa bed in the family room, and 3 bathrooms. This Olive Grove Oasis home is the ultimate vacation destination for anyone looking to absorb the beauty and culture of Temecula Wine County. No pets. Please see our ad on VRBO (<https://www.vrbo.com/9119837ha>) and contact us with any questions and special rate ([rachel.mihai@gmail.com](mailto:rachel.mihai@gmail.com)) We look forward to welcoming you to our loving oasis in the vines for some much needed relaxation!

## FOR SALE

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### Graffiti Vandalism

The North side of Nellie Gail Ranch has been struck by graffiti vandals three times in the month of August. The areas hit were Bridlewood at Glen Canyon and Nellie Gail Road at Buckboard. It appears the tagging has been done by the same individuals. We have reported the vandalism to the sheriff and the city.

Our mobile patrol security vehicle is keeping a watch but we need the watchful attention of our homeowners too. If you see anything currently in progress please call 9-1-1. If you see anything suspicious, please report to sheriff dispatch at 949-770-6011. The City of Laguna Hills has a Graffiti Hotline you can call at 949-707-2656. Be sure to note the exact location of the graffiti. You may also call the mobile patrol security officer directly at 949-371-7542. However, please call the sheriff first, then the security patrol vehicle in order that the sheriff can respond to direct homeowner calls.

Cleanup is the responsibility of the owner of whatever was tagged. The city takes care of the streets, curbs, and sidewalks, Nellie Gail Ranch takes care of trail fencing and signs and each homeowner is responsible for their own walls or other improvements. Again, please be watchful and report anything suspicious.



Thank you again to our Nellie Gail Ranch homeowners and Tennis Center Members for your generosity during the Harvest for Hope Food Drive. Your contribution of 1,981 lbs of food, 132 rolls of toilet paper, and 26 rolls of paper towels received during June and July is greatly appreciated. Your gift to FAM will assist many hurting families and individuals who need our help to become self-sufficient once again. While the food drive may be over, we remain interested and willing to assist in harvesting fruit from trees that are producing more than your family can use. Rather than allowing excess fruit to go to waste, please remember you can always reach out to us to harvest and distribute. At some point in the future, when conditions allow, we would also like to host a Farmers Market to share what we grow here in Nellie Gail Ranch.

## CROCODILE BOOKMARK



**COLOR AND THEN  
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## Ranch Recipe



# Apple Crumb Muffins

## Ingredients

1 cup all-purpose flour  
1 cup whole-wheat flour  
1 tablespoon baking powder  
1 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon  
3/4 cup granulated sugar  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
2 large eggs, at room temperature  
1 cup Full-Fat Greek Yogurt  
1/4 cup butter, melted  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1 1/2 cups chopped, peeled apples

## TOPPING

2 tablespoons brown sugar  
1 1/2 tablespoons all-purpose flour  
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1 tablespoon cold butter

## Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees (F). Grease a 12 cup muffin tin, or line with paper liners; set aside.
2. In a large bowl combine the flours, baking powder, cinnamon, sugar, and salt; set aside.
3. In another bowl, beat the eggs, Greek yogurt, melted butter, and vanilla.
4. Stir wet mixture into dry ingredients just until moistened. Fold in apple chunks.
5. Fill prepared muffin tin cups two-thirds full.

## For the topping:

6. In a small bowl combine sugar, flour and cinnamon. Cut in the butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Sprinkle a scant teaspoonful over each muffin.
7. Bake at 400° (F) for 18-20 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean. Cool for 5 minutes before removing from pans to wire racks. Serve warm.

# September

## 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Labor Day	8 ARC Meeting 7:00 PM	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 Board of Directors Meeting 7:30 PM Via Zoom Meeting (Link and password on page 4)	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 ARC Submittal Deadline for October 13 <sup>th</sup> Meeting	30			

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